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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Re: Patent Application of David E. Albrecht  
Serial No. 09/443,793  
Filed: November 18, 1999  
Title: FLANGE PLATES FOR FLUID PORT INTERFACES  
Case Docket No. 505-02

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

The fee has been calculated as follows. There are 20 total claims and 8 independent claims remaining after amendment. The highest number of claims previously paid for is 5 independent claims and 22 total claims. The total additional fee is therefore \$120.00.

The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$195.00.

Checks for \$120.00 and \$195.00 are attached.

Sincerely,

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of February 1, 2001. A Petition for Extension of Time, and a check for \$195.00, are enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) A clean version of all pending claims, as amended;
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability of the claims; and
- 3) A version of the claims with markings to show changes made.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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